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Gentlemen:

The Atomic Energy Commission has amended its regulations to require operators who manipulate the controls of nuclear power reactors and other licensed production and utilization facilities to complete a requalification program or be administered a reexamination before each license renewal and to require facility licensees to carry out adequate operator requalification programs.

An amendment to Part 55 of the AEC's regulations, which was published in the Federal Register on August 17, 1973 establishes minimum requirements for requalification programs including on-the-job training and lectures on basic theories and safety systems of the specific plant. It applies to both operators and senior operators.

An amendment to Part 50 published in the Federal Register on the same date requires that an application for a license to operate a facility must include a description and plans for implementation of an operator requalification program. Also, each facility licensee must have such a program in operation within three months after issuance of an operating license. Holders of operating licenses in effect on the effective date of these amendments, September 17, 1973, must submit an operator requalification program for Commission approval and currently implement that program within three months after the effective date of the amendments.

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All power, test and reprocessing facility licensees are requested to submit the required information with one signed original and thirty-nine additional copies. If a single submittal covers more than one unit at a station, one signed original and fifty-nine additional copies should be provided. All other facility licensees are requested to submit one signed original and twenty-one additional copies.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure:

1. Amendment to 10 CFR Part 50 and Part 55

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